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House Health Committee

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House Bill 278 – *Human Services – Department of Aging and Commission on Aging (The Longevity Ready Maryland Act)*

POSITION: SUPPORT

On behalf of the LifeSpan Network, the Maryland-National Capital Homecare Association, and the Maryland Association for Medical Adult Day Services, we **support** *House Bill 278: Human Services – Department of Aging and Commission on Aging (The Longevity Ready Maryland Act)*. Among other technical changes, this bill codifies the “Longevity Ready Maryland Plan,” charging the Secretary with overseeing its implementation and goals. The bill also amends the membership of the Commission on Aging to specify more precise skill sets for members and modifies the Commission's duties.

House Bill 278 and the Longevity Ready Maryland Plan recognize Maryland’s rapidly growing older population and the wide-ranging impacts of longer lives on health care, housing, the workforce, and community services. The Plan takes a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to improve aging in place, support caregivers, and strengthen economic security and health outcomes across its lifespan, while prioritizing equity to ensure that all Maryland residents age with dignity and access essential support services.

The above-named organizations respectfully request a favorable vote.

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